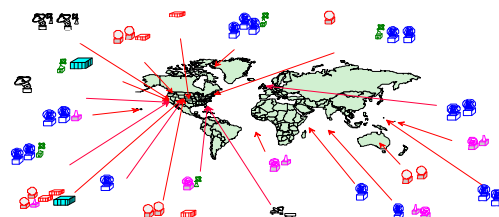


Acquisition Reform Success Story



Air Force Satellite Control Network (AFSCN)

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Program Description

Modernize and sustain the worldwide Air Force Satellite Control Network (AFSCN) to assure responsive, effective support to warfighting forces. Provide highly reliable, integrated command and control, communications and sensor systems to support the nation's space launch, surveillance, navigation, communications, and weather satellite operations.

How Streamlining Made a Difference

We estimate that \$62M in cost avoidance from FY95 to FY99 can be attributed to acquisition reform initiatives. For example, increasing the contractor's accountability in design through contractor-developed system specs and Statement of Work encouraged innovative designs and eliminated non-value added tasks. Assessing cost as an independent variable allowed us to use cheaper and easier to maintain Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) designs. Furthermore, insightful program content trade-offs allowed us to relax technical parameters while still meeting key requirements. Other areas that contribute to cost avoidance include:

Measure	FROM	TO
Military Standards and Specifications Used	292	30
Contract Reductions /Realignment	10	5
Contract Data Requirements (CDRLs)	374	59

Bottom Line: Using acquisition reform initiatives ensure we meet key AFSCN requirements with fewer dollars (doing it **better and cheaper**) while increasing availability of satellite control assets (doing it **faster**).